

Coach Made Right Choice On Gilliam

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What are we going to do? Oh! It's going to be a long season." These are some of the remarks that are floating over campus this week after the announcement by Coach Murphy that the 49'ers have lost one of the presumable starters for the basketball season this year. Tommy Gilliam, who averaged 15.1 points per game last season and was named rookie of the year for the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference during the season 1964-1965, has been cut from this season's team because of academic difficulties.

There have been varied opinions and numerous rumors going around campus since this announcement. There has been no consensus as I can tell, but it did create a stimulating topic of discussion between the card games and coffee-drinking in the CU cafeteria. This loss of Gilliam will certainly be felt throughout the entire season because of his exceptional ability, but neither the team nor the students should not be so depressed by this action that we will forget the season and feel sorry for ourselves during the entire basketball season.

Rather, I think we should be proud. Now, don't get me wrong; I am not forgetting Tommy's importance to the team morally and physically. But, there are other things to be considered in this matter. First of all we should realize that a student's interest in this institution should first be to being a student and then he should be interested in the extracurricular activities which are also a vital part of the college life. There are basic requirements to participating in athletic events which are only proper for a college to maintain high standards. If we allow students to put their "outside" interests before the books, then in my opinion, we are only breeding a mediocre and lackadaisical student body which would eventually develop a poor reputation for the university.

Since we have only become a university in the past few months, there are certainly many skeptics around who think we will readily rely on the reputation of the consolidated University to uphold us in the academic world. I don't think we would or should rely on what has been established by others for the gratification of our own egos. Perhaps if we try to standardize ourselves according to other institutions rather than be ameliorated, we might suffer a pejorated effect. If other schools might be somewhat lenient in academic standards for ball players of exceptional ability, that is no reason for us to feel obligated to do the same.

I think an excellent decision has been made that we should appreciate for what it is worth. It will most likely set the precedent for coming years so that those who plan to participate in extracurricular activities here will know what to expect. Only through this means can we strengthen our reputation as a credible university and influence those who are skeptic about us.

The basketball team is an extremely important asset, but we must not in the interest of the university sacrifice other assets for this one. The ball team realizes it's loss but, as Coach Murphy states, "This doesn't mean we are going to roll over and play dead." There are other good ball players and there will be more in the future. I am sure that each of the members of the squad has gotten over his depression and is now ready to play as a team. I hope that student support of the coach and of the team will not be deterred because of this action. Perhaps a student, the ballteam, or the student body has learned a lesson the hardway. In the interest of the university, I hope we (including card players, pool sharks, and the like) have all learned that lesson and will apply it accordingly. As maturing students who are in the learning process, this is a lesson that we all should learn, and now!

Gilliam, 64-65 Rookie Of Year, Out For Season

Tommy Gilliam, Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rookie of the year during the 1964-65 basketball season, will be academically ineligible for service on the 49ers team this season, it was announced last week by Coach Harvey Murphy.

Gilliam, who stands 6' 5" and weighs 191 pounds, played forward for the 49ers last year and was to be a starter on this year's team.

In a press release last Friday, Murphey said "Losing Gilliam for the year is certainly going to hurt us. I was counting on him a lot, but this doesn't mean we are going to roll over and play dead." Gilliam was one of four re-

turness from last year's DIAC regular season championship team. He led the 49ers in field goal shooting with 148 of 292 for 50.7 per cent.

Wally McGinty, Robbie Snipes and Bob Lemmond are now the 49ers only returning players. Lemmond will be required to bench out first semester play because of academic ineligibility.

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What's Going On Anyway?

John Spencer Churchill will speak today in the Library Auditorium at 11:30 a.m. on "The Churchill Family." A luncheon will follow in Room U209.

Birth Of A Nation, a film

Red Cross

Will Set Up

Blood Center

The National Red Cross Mobile Blood Center, in cooperation with Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 30, to accept blood donations.

Apparatus will be set up in Room U209 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the convenience of University community members.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 59. However, anyone under 21 who have not served in the armed services or is not married must have parental consent to give blood. Forms for this purpose are available at the Union Information Desk.

In giving blood the donor and his immediate family will be permitted to receive blood free of charge from the National Red Cross Blood Bank.

Co-Captains Chosen For Cage Team

Two new co-captains will lead the 1965 edition of the 49ers cage team. Robbie Snipes (a 6'2" sophomore) and Wally McGinty (a 6'4" junior) will pilot the team through its 1965-66 season.

McGinty played last year on the starting team. Snipes saw little action last year but showed great promise.

depicting post-Civil War America, will be shown at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, in Room U209-10.

The bowling team will hold an organizational meeting in Room U209 Thursday, Nov. 18. All students, including girls, interested in the sport are urged to attend.

The Student Legislature will meet in U206 Monday, Nov. 22, at 7:45.

Alpha Phi Omega will meet in the Library, Room 213, today at 12:15 p.m. A make-up test on the pledge manual will be given.

The Literary Club is seeking new members. Anyone interested in writing for The Parnassian or being in the club should contact Mr. Godsey in B236.

Girls interested in being a candidate for the 1966 Maid of Cotton may get an application from Miss Mildred English in the Student Affairs Office. Candidates must be single, at least 19 years old by December 29, 1965, photogenic, at least 5'5 1/2" tall, and in excellent health.

The American Red Cross, in



conjunction with Alpha Phi Omega, will be on campus Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accept blood from students, faculty, and University staff. Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 59. Parental consent forms are required from persons under 21. The forms are available at the Union Information Desk.

Marion Montgomery, prominent member of the new generation of Southern writers, will give a reading of his poetry Wednesday, Dec. 1.

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